Bethlehem College

RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS WITH ACCELERATED MASTER'S OPTIONS

Great Books *in light of the* Greatest Book *for the sake of the* Great Commission

Graduate as a mature adult ready to witness for Christ with wisdom and wonder for the rest of your life.

God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in him.

Spend the next four years relishing this great truth as you mine the treasures of the Bible and consider the Great Books—works of history, literature, philosophy, and theology that have stood the test of time and resonated with human beings through the ages and around the world.

You will learn in an extraordinarily small school where a tight-knit community of students, teachers, pastors, and church members shares a deep personal interest in both your academic performance and spiritual growth. And it all takes place amid the life of a globally-minded, local church in a multi-ethnic urban center in which opportunities for equipping abound.

You will be challenged and pushed beyond your sense of your own abilities. Here you will cultivate habits of mind and heart as you are intentionally stress-tested to ensure that you graduate with a resilient faith that is ready to stand firm and contend for truth in the home, church, and world.

And you will leave here without a burden of student loan debt. Generous disciples of Christ affirm the quality of this "Education in Serious Joy" by providing a $10,000 annual scholarship to all students, so that they may launch without debt into life and ministry upon graduation.

The Bible gives the decisive meaning of all things. But the Bible itself sends us over and over again to the world for learning. God has revealed his glory in both—and means for us to see him in both.

Education in Serious Joy

Life will bring suffering to every joyful saint. Our calling is to rejoice in it and thereby show the superior value of God.

Joy is a good feeling in the soul produced by the Holy Spirit as he makes us see and savor the glory of Jesus Christ.

"The Eagles translation is destined to be the English Around of the new century."
—The Wall Street Journal
PENGUIN CLASSICS

HABITS OF MIND AND HEART

Truly well-educated people have the habits of mind and heart to go on learning what they need to learn to live in a Christ-exalting way for the rest of their lives—in whatever sphere of life they pursue.

These habits apply to all objects in the world, but most importantly the Bible.

- Observe subject matter accurately and thoroughly
- Understand clearly what you have observed
- Evaluate fairly what you understood by deciding what is true and valuable
- Feel intensely according to the value of what you have evaluated
- Apply wisely and helpfully in life what you understand and feel
- Express in speech and writing and deeds what you have seen, understood, felt, and applied in such a way that its clarity, truth, and value can be known and enjoyed by others

Excerpted from *Think: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God* by John Piper.

There is no other book like the Bible.

But human culture, despite its fallenness, is still a repository of wisdom and insight than can be wisely used by the saints to enrich our faith. We are intent here on redeeming the humanities for Christ. By studying the Great Books in light of the Greatest Book, you will grasp more fully the wonder of your created nature, the tragedy of your fallen nature, and grow to glory in the gospel-grounded hope of the Christian's redeemed nature.

This education is rooted in the Scriptures. You will be equipped with the tools necessary to study God's word in conversation with the best theological minds God has given to the church throughout the ages. Even as an undergraduate student, you will receive extensive, original language instruction in biblical exegesis, biblical theology, historical theology, and systematic theology. We are not content to merely instruct your mind. We also want to awaken your affections leading you to exclaim, "O how I love your law!"

The program is a very demanding one. It represents no escape at all from hard work and academic responsibility. You will more than likely read more than you have ever read in your life. Your conversations will be deeper, more substantive, and more searching than any you have ever shared. You will be forced to think about why you believe what you believe and made able to write and speak your opinions with clarity, conviction, and grace.

THE BOOKS AND *THE* BOOK

Here is a representative list of the authors and books that Bethlehem college students might consider during their "Education in Serious Joy".

Old Testament

Epic of Gilgamesh

Hesiod: *Theogony*

Homer: *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*

Plato: *The Apology*, *Euthyphro*, *Crito*, *Phaedo*, *Republic*, *Phaedrus*

Aristotle: *Poetics*, *Nicomachean Ethics*, *Politics*

Sophocles: *Oedipus Rex*, *Antigone*

Aeschylus: *Oresteia*

Euripides: *Bacchae*, *Medea*

Herodotus: *The Histories*

Aristophanes: *The Clouds*

Virgil: *The Aeneid*

Livy: *Early History of Rome*

Plutarch: *Lives*

New Testament

Josephus (selections)

Apostolic Fathers (selections)

Augustine: *Confessions*, *City of God*, (selections)

Qur'an

Boethius: *Consolation of Philosophy*

Beowulf

Anselm: *Proslogion*, *Cur Deus Homo?*

Aquinas: *Excerpts from the Summa*

Dante: *The Divine Comedy*

Petrarch: *Canzoniere* (selections)

Chaucer: *The Canterbury Tales*

Niccolo Machiavelli: *The Prince*

Martin Luther: (selections)

John Calvin: *The Institutes*

Richard Hooker: (selections)

Philip Sidney: *Defense of Poesy*

Montaigne (selections)

Shakespeare: (select plays)

Bunyan: *Pilgrim's Progress*

Spenser: *The Faerie Queene*

George Herbert: poems

John Donne: poems

Francis Bacon: *Novum Organum* (selections)

John Milton: *Samson Agonistes*, *Paradise Lost*

René Descartes: *Discourse on Method*, *Meditations*

Pascal: *Pensées* (excerpts)

Isaac Newton: *Principia* (excerpts)

John Locke: *Second Treatise on Government*, *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*

Smith: *The Wealth of Nations*

Madison: *Federalist Papers*

Jonathan Edwards: *The Nature of True Virtue*, *End for Which God Created the World*

Jean-Jacques Rousseau: *On the Social Contract*

Nathaniel Hawthorne: *The Scarlet Letter*

Kant: *Critique of Pure Reason*

Hegel: (selections)

Karl Marx: *The Communist Manifesto* (excerpt)

Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*

Fyodor Dostoevsky: *Crime and Punishment*, *Brothers Karamazov*

Leo Tolstoy: *Death of Ivan Illyich*

Charles Dickens: *Great Expectations*

Friedrich Nietzsche: *On the Genealogy of Morals*

Charles Darwin: *On the Origin of Species* (excerpts)

J. Gresham Machen: *Christianity and Liberalism*

F. Scott Fitzgerald: *The Great Gatsby*

James Joyce: *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*

T.S. Eliot: *The Waste Land*, *The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock*

Sigmund Freud: *Civilization and Its Discontents*

Aldous Huxley: *A Brave New World*

C.S. Lewis: (selections)

J.R.R. Tolkien: *On Fairy Stories*, *Leaf by Niggle*

Martin Luther King Jr: *Letter from Birmingham Jail*

Spreading a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ.

Bethlehem College and Seminary is an intentionally small school of about 250 students located on the campus of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was here that Pastor John Piper first preached the message of Christian Hedonism—that "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him"—and here where the work of "Education in Serious Joy" continues.

You won't be able to hide. Student life is played out in small cohorts of 15-20 students who share school and church life together in the company of scholar-pastors, small group leaders, and members of the local church who are as deeply concerned about your spiritual life as they are your academic performance. A life of purpose and service need not wait until your graduation. There are abundant opportunities to serve and minister both in the church and the diverse, multi-ethnic, needful neighborhood in which we are located.

Bethlehem is a Great Commission church that has long been and remains passionate for God's global glory in Christ. While this education will better prepare students for a variety of vocations, we place a distinct emphasis and priority on the global mission of the church to cross cultures and bring the good news of Christ's kingdom to the unreached and unengaged peoples of the world. We seek to equip you to be a Global Christian in whatever sphere of life and work you may ultimately be called. Every inch and atom of the world is Christ's.

THE BETHLEHEM STUDENT

The Bethlehem College and Seminary student is a man or woman whose character and lifestyle increasingly reflect knowledge of, love for, and joy in the Triune God and who

- Submits to the authority of Scripture and rightly handles God's inerrant Word
- Enjoys relationships marked by love and guided by wisdom
- Is an active participant in the worship, community, and ministry of the local church
- Is committed to spreading a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ
- Inclines toward the six Bethlehem "Habits of Mind and Heart" as a lifelong learner

The Bethlehem House System enriches college student life by fostering a community that promotes spiritual growth, academic flourishing, and leadership development. Each incoming college student is assigned to a gender-specific, non-residential "house," which meets regularly to deepen friendships and strengthen each other's faith through life together, events, and competition with other houses.

JONATHAN EDWARDS
Revivalist Preacher

Steadfastness, Honor, and Joyful Service

AUGUSTINE
Theologian and Philosopher

Ordered Love, Chastity, and Friendship

C. S. LEWIS
Author and Christian Apologist

Courage, Meekness, and Joy

PERPETUA
Martyr

Honesty, Confidence, and Faithfulness

ANNE DUTTON
Poet and Calvinist Writer on Religion

Honesty, Humility, and Hospitality

ELISABETH ELLIOT
Missionary and Author

Wholeheartedness, Modesty, and Grit

The Bethlehem college student becomes by God's grace a certain kind of man or woman, exemplified by the lives and virtues of those whose names identify the communities of the Bethlehem House System.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold

The foundational verse of Bethlehem College and Seminary represented by the Latin "Omnia in Christo Consta

The core is more. In other institutions, the general education core involves two years of meeting requirements in order to pursue your field of interest. Here your field of interest is engaged on the first day of class and extended through the third year before you specialize.

Extended Omnia Academic Core

History	Ancient Civilizations The Greek and Roman Worlds Medieval Europe Renaissance and Reformation Europe The Early Modern World The Modern World
Literature	The Literature of Ancient Greece The History and Literature of Ancient Rome Early Christian Theology & Literature Medieval & Renaissance Theology & Literature Early Modern Literature Modern Literature
Biblical and Theological Studies	Old Testament Survey and Theology New Testament Survey and Theology Advanced Studies in Doctrine 1: God, Creation, Revelation Advanced Studies in Doctrine 2: Sin, Christ, Holy Spirit
Philosophy	Classical Philosophy: Pre-Socratics and Plato Classical Philosophy: Aristotle and Roman Philosophers The Life and Thought of Augustine Medieval and Reformation Theology and Philosophy Early Modern Philosophy Modern Philosophy
Missions	
Discipleship Studies	Foundations of Christian Discipleship
Latin	Elementary Latin 1 Elementary Latin 2
Greek	Elementary Greek 1 Elementary Greek 2
Letters	
General Studies	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Natural Science: Foundations, Methods, and Application Trivium I: Grammar Trivium II: Logic Trivium III: Rhetoric Introduction to Visual Arts and Music
Hebrew	
Internship/Thesis	
Year	1 2 3

creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
together. COLOSSIANS 1:15-18 ESV

nt" in the school's official seal.

The program allows you to earn a bachelor's degree in an area of specialization and then, in one additional year, a master's degree in one of the others.

B.A. Specialization	Accelerated Master's
Theology & Biblical Studies	
Advanced Studies in Doctrine 3: Salvation, Church, Last Things Biblical Theology	
Theology & Global Studies	
History of Global Christianity Applied Anthropology for Ministry Contemporary Issues in Missions World Religions Global Church Planting	
Global Discipleship Christian Ethics and Apologetics Leadership and Vocation	
Theology & Letters	
Intermediate Greek Greek Readings	
Great Books I: Topics Great Books II: Topics Great Books III: Shakespeare Great Books IV: Topics	
Classical Hebrew 1 Classical Hebrew 2	Intermediate Hebrew Hebrew Readings
Internship Cross-Cultural Internship	Thesis Comprehensive Examinations

The Serious Joy Scholarship

A Personal Ministry for Jesus Christ

STUDENT LOAN DEBT IS AN OBSTACLE TO ADULTHOOD AND A SHACKLE ON GOSPEL AMBITION.

College graduates who carry a burden of student loan debt take longer to clear the life passages of marriage, parenting, home ownership, and the assumption of positions of civic leadership. We aim that our students would graduate with no financial obligation that might preclude their being able to answer God's call on their lives, immediately. To learn more visit www.bcsmn.edu/contribute.

THE BURDEN OF DEBT IS IMMENSE.

As the price of higher education has risen, so has the amount of debt required to fund it, leaving many burdened with substantial financial obligations well beyond the college years.

44 MILLION AMERICANS NOW OWE
$1.4 TRILLION DOLLARS IN STUDENT LOAN DEBTS.*

AVERAGE U.S. STUDENT DEBT*

UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE
$37,172	$58,539

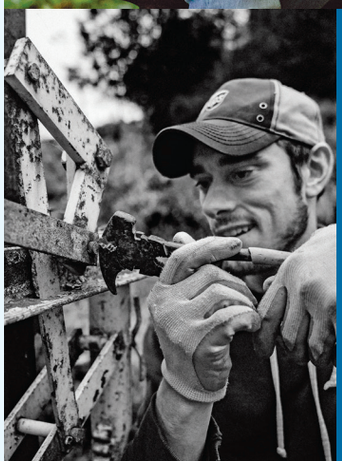
PERCENTAGE OF U.S STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH DEBT*

2000	2017
28%	71%

AVERAGE YEAR TO STUDENT LOAN DEBT RETIREMENT*

YEARS	AGE
21	43

* Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, *Wall Street Journal*, et al.

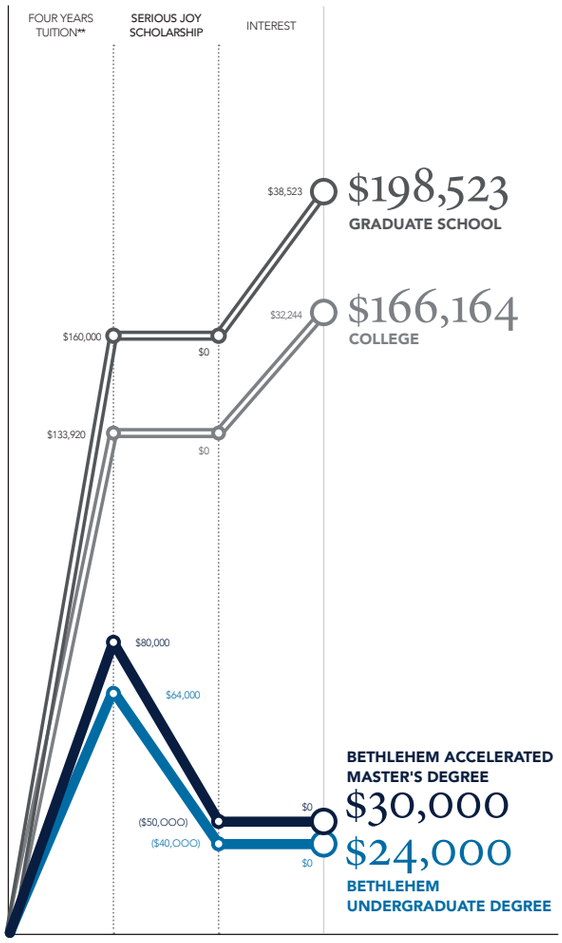


Full-Tuition Opportunities for Qualified Minority Applicants are Available.

The All Peoples Scholarship seeks to populate every cohort in every degree program with at least three African American and other minority students.

READY CASH FROM LOAN PROCEEDS CAN DISTRACT ATTENTION TO THE TOTAL COST OVER TIME.

Interest on a student loan ultimately makes the total cost of education higher. The *Serious Joy Scholarship* makes an already affordable education even more affordable and eliminates interest cost altogether.

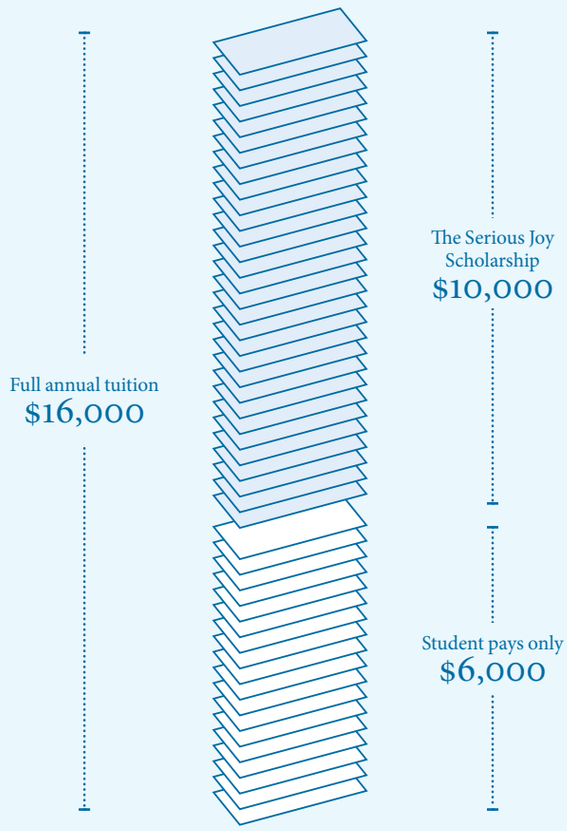


** Averages: College Board, Wall Street Journal, et al.

EVERY RESIDENT STUDENT RECEIVES THE SERIOUS JOY SCHOLARSHIP.

Two-thirds of tuition at Bethlehem College and Seminary is paid by someone other than the students or their parents. Generous contributors have rallied to make this robust, academically rigorous, high quality education available and affordable.

Graduates without debt are free to answer immediately God's call on their lives and are made affordable to churches and ministries that need them.



Unapologetically at odds with extended adolescence.

We make no promise to entertain you, but rather to establish you as a man or woman of faith through challenge. We do however promise to make every reasonable effort to cause you to emerge from Bethlehem College and Seminary as a mature adult, ready to undertake the serious responsibilities of family life, church membership, vocation, and citizenship.

Here you will lean into reality, to have your eyes wide open in wonder at the world God has made, and that man has cultivated and adorned. Such a biblically grounded, missions-minded, liberal arts education—worked out in such a highly relational environment—will help you grow in wisdom and attune you to reality, so that you are ready and equipped to walk wide-eyed and joyfully in the world.

COLLEGE EDUCATION AT BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

Five ways that students graduate as mature adults ready to witness for Christ with wisdom and wonder for the rest of their lives.

Christian Hedonism

Students become God-enthralled men and women who discover that God is most glorified in them when they are most satisfied in him by mining the treasures of the Bible and considering the wisdom of Great Books in light of the Greatest Book.

Intentionally Small

Students learn in a tight-knit community of students, teachers, pastors, and church members who share a deep personal interest in both the students' academic performance and spiritual growth.

Church-Based

Students study in the context of a globally-minded church in the midst of a multi-ethnic urban center with significant opportunities for equipping and ministry.

Demanding Curriculum

Students are pushed beyond their sense of their own abilities as we cultivate key habits of heart and mind and subject them to intentional stress-testing designed to ensure that they graduate with a resilient faith that is ready to stand firm and contend for the truth in the home, the church, and the world.

Debt-Free

A committed community of generous contributors demonstrates their confidence in our education by ensuring that every resident student receives a *Serious Joy Scholarship* that enables them to launch into life and ministry without the burden of student loan debt.

If a school doesn't look like any of the others, chances are it's searching for a student who is just as unusual.

Bethlehem College and Seminary has no dormitories, permanent classrooms, meal plan, free laptops, health clinic, stadium, sports teams, food court, cable TV, arts center, choral society, student union, campus transit, quad, document center, campus abroad, coffee shop, fitness center, marching band, dining hall, climbing wall, swimming pool, theater program, equestrian program, or women's center.

We do however teach reality.

Bethlehem College and Seminary is clearly not for every would-be college student. The curriculum is exceedingly demanding, the physical surroundings modest, and the frills few to non-existent. Ours is, in our time, an admittedly contrarian approach to the task of higher education. But we do teach reality. It is an approach to education that has been proven for over 500 years.

We do our work in a church-based school community of thoughtful, inquisitive, articulate, well-read, multi-ethnic, men and women, young and old, who regard God to be the surpassing treasure of their lives and who regard themselves as existing to spread a passion for God's supremacy in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ. It was here that Pastor John Piper first observed, "Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds."

For God's glory and our joy.

☞ *If you are interested in our undergradiate or graduate programs, request more information at* **bcsmn.edu/college**.

☞ *If you are a parent or grandparent, relative, teacher, pastor, neighbor, or friend who knows a young person seemingly minted for such an extraordinary, God-enthralled, treasures-filled education, please refer them to* **bcsmn.edu**, *or let us know about them at* **bcsmn.edu/refer,** *and we will reach out.*

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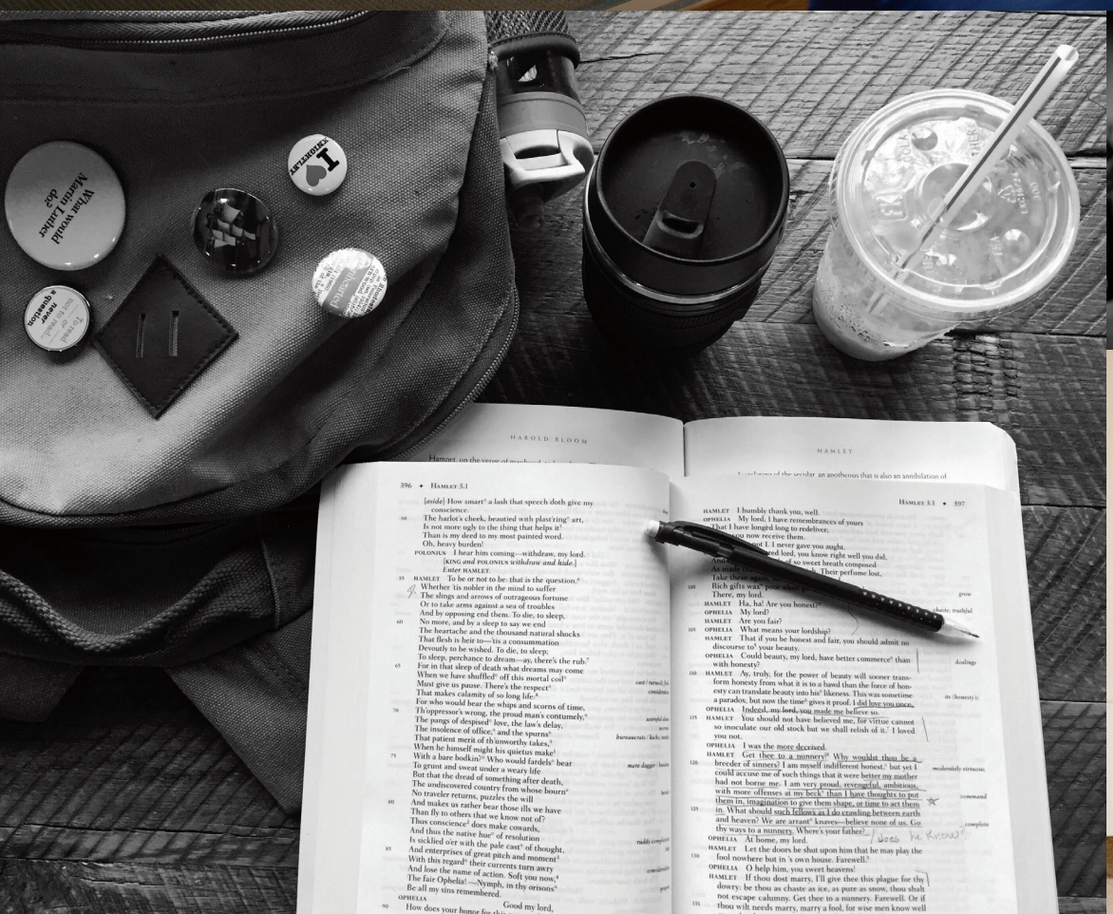
OF ALL PEOPLES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.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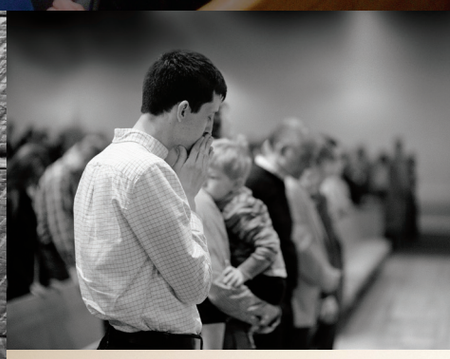

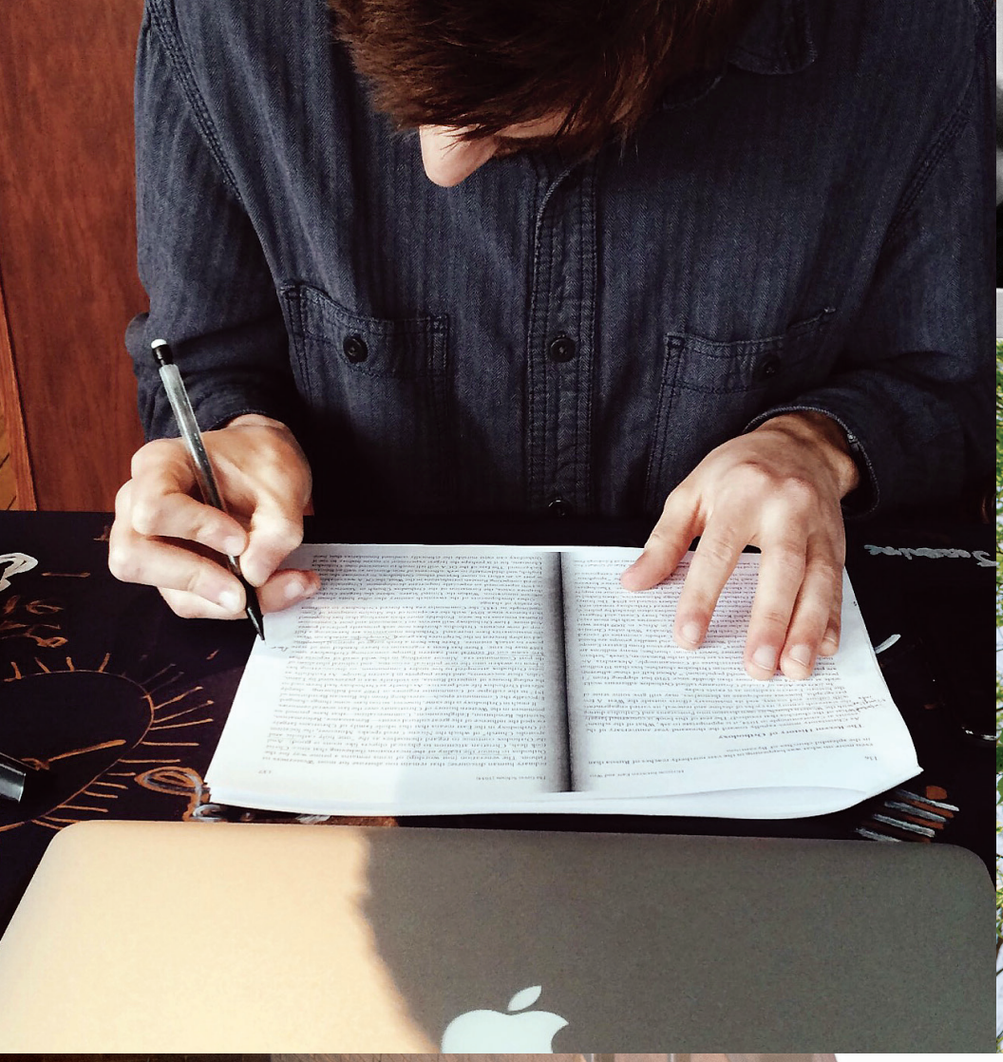

Our great quest
is for minds and hearts
to see and savor
the glory of Christ in all things
and spread that experience
to the world.

JOHN PIPER, CHANCELLOR

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